



THELMA D. DRAKE

United States Representative ■ Second District of Virginia



SERVICE ACADEMY NOMINATION Application Packet Classes Entering 2007

U.S. NAVAL ACADEMY
U.S. MILITARY ACADEMY AT WEST POINT
U.S. AIR FORCE ACADEMY
U.S. MERCHANT MARINE ACADEMY

Congresswoman Thelma D. Drake
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Virginia Beach, Virginia 23462
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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20515

THELMA DRAKE
SECOND DISTRICT
VIRGINIA

Dear Applicant,

Thank you for contacting me about a nomination to one of our Nation's Service Academies. Without a doubt, the Service Academies are some of the finest schools in the United States. Not only do they teach academics, but instill discipline, commitment and leadership in the young Americans who attend. These Academies provide a wonderful and unique opportunity to learn, grow, and serve our great Nation as a member of the Armed Forces.

Although I am able to nominate a select few individuals each year, those decisions are among the most important and difficult that I make as your Representative in Congress. Competition is very keen; therefore, it is wise for applicants to apply through all nominating authorities (U.S. Representatives, U.S. Senators, the Vice President and the President) for which they are eligible. You may wish to contact Senators Warner and Allen about their nomination process.

If you need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact my Virginia Beach office at (757) 497-6859 or by contacting the Academy Coordinator, Mr. Arch Walpole, directly by email to Arch.Walpole@mail.house.gov.

I look forward to receiving your Application and thank you, again, for your interest in serving our Nation.

Sincerely,

Thelma Drake



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APPLICATION PROCEDURE

NOTE TO APPLICANT: It is the responsibility of each applicant to initiate a pre-candidate file at each Academy to which they are seeking a nomination. If an applicant is not registered with the Academy(ies) of their choice, nomination applications will be returned. Addresses and contact numbers for the Academies are provided below.

1. **Application form:** Complete application form and attach a photograph on page six (6), upper right-hand corner.

Note to recommending officials: If you are concerned about keeping confidentiality with your evaluation or with the transcript, do the following:

- a. Put the evaluation or transcript in an envelope and seal the envelope.
- b. Sign over the seal.
- c. Put scotch tape over the signature
- d. Give the envelope to the Academy applicant.

The Office of Congresswoman Drake will not open or accept any envelope with a broken seal. This process insures that the applicant is able to submit their complete packet and will ensure that your confidentiality remains secure.

The deadline for all applications is Tuesday, October 31st, 2006.

2. **Letter of recommendation:** Ask your high school counselor or principal to provide a letter of recommendation as well as two others, such as a math or science teacher, coach, employer, or someone who knows you well. Have these persons send or return the letters *to you* in sealed envelopes with their signature across the seal of the envelope.
3. **Transcripts:** Ask your counselor for a copy of your transcript. Make sure the transcript includes your course listings and grades, current GPA and class rank (if provided by your high school), approximate size of your graduating class, and SAT/ACT scores. The official transcript should be returned *to you* in a sealed envelope with a signature across the seal of the envelope.
4. **Standardized test results:** To have scores forwarded to Congresswoman Drake's district office directly from the testing center, please use the following codes: SAT – 5944, ACT – 7725. Many transcripts will include copies of your SAT or ACT scores. If so, this is sufficient and you need not send in separate score results, *unless you have updated scores.*

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5. ***DEADLINE: Completed application packets must be received by October 31, 2006.***
DO NOT SEND YOUR APPLICATION BY CERTIFIED USPS MAIL.

Send all requested information to:

Congresswoman Thelma D. Drake
Attn: Academy Coordinator
4772 Euclid Road, Suite E
Virginia Beach, Virginia 23462

All correspondence and questions related to academy nominations should be directed to the Academy Coordinator at the aforementioned address.

Concerning your inquiries, please contact the Academy Coordinator by phone at (757) 497-6859, or by e-mail at Arch.Walpole@mail.house.gov.

E-mail communications with the Academy Coordinator are preferred.

U.S. NAVAL ACADEMY
Director of Candidate Guidance
Annapolis, Maryland 21402-5019
(888) 249-7707

U.S. AIR FORCE ACADEMY
Director of Admissions
Colorado Springs, Colorado 80840
(800) 443-9266

U.S. MILITARY ACADEMY AT WEST POINT
Director of Admissions
West Point, New York 10996
(800) 822-ARMY

U.S. MERCHANT MARINE ACADEMY
Admissions Office
Kings Point, New York 11024
(800) 732-6267



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APPLICATION SCHEDULE

June 1	Application process begins.
October 31	Deadline for submission of completed packet. All required information should be sent or delivered to Congresswoman Drake's Hampton Roads District Office in ONE envelope and must be received by this date.
Late December	Nominee notification by mail begins.

CHECKLIST FOR CANDIDATES

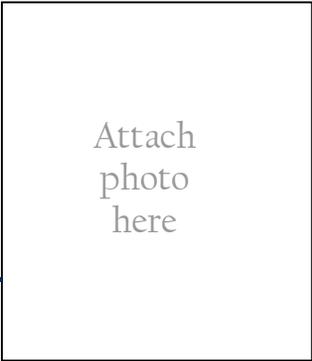
- Completed application form
- Photograph attached to application form
- Three letters of recommendation in sealed envelopes with signatures across the sealed flap
- High school transcript in sealed envelope with school official's signature across the seal closing the envelope
- Essay
- Review completeness of the application with your guidance Counselor and ask your counselor to initial at block VI

Should *any* of these six items be omitted, the applicant's entire application will be returned for completion.



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APPLICATION FORM

Please rank the Academies to which you will accept a nomination in order of preference (1-4). If you desire to attend only one particular Academy, indicate so by placing *only* the number one (1) in that academy's blank. Also, indicate whether or not you are pre-registered with an Academy.

___ U.S. Air Force Academy Yes No ___ U.S. Merchant Marine Academy Yes No
___ U.S. Naval Academy Yes No ___ U.S. Military Academy at West Point Yes No

I. PERSONAL INFORMATION (please print or type)

Full Name _____
(Last) (First) (Middle Initial)

Permanent Address _____
(Street)

(City or Town) (State) (Zip Code)

Telephone Number: Home (____) _____ Other (____) _____

E-mail Address _____

Social Security Number _____ Birth Date _____

Place of Birth _____ U.S. Citizen? Yes No

Names of Parents/Guardians _____

Is one or both of your Parents/Guardians a domiciled resident of the Second Congressional District of Virginia? Yes No If address different from above, please provide.

(Street)

(City or Town) (State) (Zip Code)

Place(s) of Employment of Parents/Guardians: _____

Work Telephone Numbers of Parents/Guardians: (____) _____
(____) _____

Is either of your Parents/Guardians active duty, reserve, or retired military? Yes No

Senatorial Offices to which you are seeking nomination _____

Other nominations for which you are applying: Presidential Vice-Presidential

II. ACADEMIC INFORMATION

Currently Attending: High School Jr. College 4-year College Preparatory School

Name of School _____

Address of School _____
(Street)

(City or Town)

(State)

(Zip Code)

(Date of Graduation)

GPA (Weighted) _____ GPA (Unweighted) _____

SAT scores: Critical Reading _____ Math _____ Writing _____

ACT scores: Composite _____ English _____ Math _____ Reading _____ Science _____

Class Rank (same as official transcript data) _____ of _____, Top _____%

III. EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Please check all that apply. If you held a leadership position in any organization, list most recent position held next to organization name.

American Legion Boys State, Nation American Legion Auxiliary Girls State, Nation

Boy Scouts of America Eagle Scout Award Recipient Date _____

Girl Scouts of America Gold Award Recipient Date _____

National Honor Society Class Officer

Academic Honors Club Student Government

Language Club Officer of School Club

Debate Club School Newspaper, Yearbook Editor

School Band, Choir Junior ROTC

Rotary International: Interact Club Key Club International, Circle K

Church Membership Local, National Civic Organizations

Other _____

Employment (Place of) _____

_____ Hours worked per week (after school) _____ Hours worked per week (summer)

III. EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES (continued)

Athletics	Team, Club	Varsity	Junior Varsity	Team Captain
Baseball/Softball	_____	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Basketball	_____	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Cheerleading	_____	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Crew	_____	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Cross Country	_____	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Fencing	_____	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Field Hockey	_____	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Football	_____	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Gymnastics	_____	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Lacrosse	_____	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Soccer	_____	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Swimming	_____	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Tennis	_____	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Track and Field	_____	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Volleyball	_____	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Wrestling	_____	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
_____	_____	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
_____	_____	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

You are encouraged to attach a resume including honors, awards, extracurricular activities, and/or any other information you feel is pertinent to your application.

IV. ESSAY

A 250 word, typed essay stating the reason(s) you would like to attend a Service Academy.

V. REVIEW

Review completeness of this package with your guidance counselor. INITIAL HERE _____

VI. SIGNATURE

I, the undersigned, declare that the information I have provided on this application is true and correct and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief. (Applicant signature required.)

Signature _____ Date _____